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## MEN EASTER April 20th

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## ARRANGING FOR A CLEAN UP WEEK IN MEXICO

A committee from the Federation of Women's Clubs and the Civic Improvement Committee of the Chamber of Commerce met in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Wednesday morning to discuss and formulate plans for Clean-Up Week in Mexico. It is the idea and aim of these two organizations to co-operate with the city officials in making Mexico a cleaner and more healthy city.

It is also their purpose to make the Clean-Up Week an annual affair and if possible, to make every day in each year a Clean-Up Day.

Every citizen in Mexico is urged to begin the work of cleaning up at once and thereby simplify matters during the regular Clean-Up Week, and make Mexico not only the cleanest and most beautiful city in Missouri but the healthiest. The date for Clean-Up Week has not been decided on but will be in the near future.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. JOHNSON.

Services Held at Home at 3 O'clock Wednesday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. George R. Johnson was held at the home on North Clark Street at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Reverend Atkins pastor of the Christian Church conducted the services. Burial was in the Elmwood cemetery.

The pall bearers were: Charley Shoup, Theo. Campbell, James Mundy, Dick Carter, J. W. Dry and George N. Johnson.

## Stock Notes

### LOCAL MARKET

Oats 64c, 66c  
Wheat 2.60  
Corn 1.65

Chicago—May July  
Corn 1.56 1/2 1.56 1/2 1.50 1/2 1.50 1/2  
Oats 68 67

St. Louis Close:—  
No. 4 Corn 1.54 to 1.55  
No. 1 White Corn 1.67 to 1.67 1/2

No. 3 Yellow Corn 1.60 to 1.60 1/2  
No. 3 White Corn 1.62 1/2 to 1.63  
No. 3 White Oats 69 1/2 to 70

Chicago Stock Yards:—  
Hogs 15,000 15c higher  
Top 20.50  
Cattle 6,500 10c slow  
Sheep 1,600 10c lower

Nothing is impossible in Missouri. Now comes J. T. McCune, south of New London, and says he and his family have been eating cabbage all winter that grew in his garden, according to the Ralls County Record. They were not of the "buried" kind, either. They just grew there in the garden the past winter and when they wanted a head they would go out and cut from the stalk just like they are in the habit of doing in the summer time.

Jesse Davidson, near Columbus, was in town Monday and reported that his neighbor, John Simmons, who raises sheep, had seven ewes which brought twenty lambs last week and all were living. Six of the ewes had three lambs each and one had twins. Can you beat it?—Odesa Democrat.

Crawford Dowell, son of J. W. Dowell, of Benton City, who is attending the Missouri Military Academy, broke 150 acres of wheat land and harvested it with a tractor before leaving for school here last year. Mr. Dowell paid a man \$40 to assist in putting the wheat in and outside of a little oil and kerosene this was all the expense attached to putting in the crop. Crawford runs a tractor like an expert.

Perry Davis, the live Santa Fe merchant, delivered 8600 worth of poultry and eggs here this week. They were the results of his Saturday business. Motor trucks brought the stuff to this city.

A farm in Saline county recently sold for \$310 per acre, the highest price ever paid for farm land in that county.

Frankish Lightning.  
According to the Gallatin, North-Missourian while John M. Wills, a farmer living near Altamont was throwing down hay in his barn recently during a storm a bolt of lightning struck, tearing a hole in the roof, knocking the pitchfork, from Mr. Wills' hand and killing a horse in the stall just beneath him, but letting him off with a severe shock.

Lee Brothers received a car load of fine horses from St. Louis Wednesday morning.

A. P. ELLIS DIES.  
Mrs. W. H. Wallace, of this city, received word this week that her brother, A. Pickney Ellis, formerly of this county, died at his home in Old Mexico following an operation for appendicitis. He leaves a wife and four children.

Mr. Ellis will be well remembered here having been born in this county. He was a graduate of the Engineering department of Missouri University and had met with splendid success in his profession. The Ledger joins friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

Women Are Desirable Fellows.  
LONDON, April 9.—The Geographical Society on March 26 will pass this resolution: "That it is desirable to admit women as Fellows of the Society."

Easter Cards in elegant profusion.  
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## JAMES H. WATKINS DIES.

Was Uncle of Mrs. W. H. Ray of Benton City—Dies of Paralysis.

Mrs. W. H. Ray and sons, Robert and John Williams of Benton City, Mo., returned home Sunday evening from Quincy, Ill., where they had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ray's uncle, James H. Watkins. He suffered a stroke of paralysis last August while in Perry, Mo., from which he died Friday noon, April 4, 1919.

Mr. Ray had been with him from the middle of last week and Friday morning he thought him much better and came home. Before he arrived home the family received notice of his death. Mr. Watkins has made lengthy visits in and around Mexico and has many warm friends here.

He was preparing to make a visit here soon. Deceased was a bachelor and has no nearer relatives than his nieces and nephews. XXX

## ANOTHER INTERESTING LETTER RECEIVED FROM SGT. ROY CREASEY

Writes Father on St. Patrick Day That They are on Their Way Home. To Leave France April 15.

Here's another interesting letter from Sgt. Roy Creasey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Creasey of Mexico. The letter was written on St. Patrick's Day from Sarge, France. He says he is on his way home and they can't go too fast for him. The letter follows:

March 17, 1919, Sarge, France.  
Dear Dad:—Take off that green, you're not an Irishman, you're an American. Greetings from France upon this St. Patrick's day. May this be the last one that finds me away from home.

Well Dad I am at last on my way home. We arrived in the Le Mans area March 12 for a five or six weeks stay and I must add, these weeks can't go too fast for us. We are quartered in the village of Sarge about three and three quarter miles northeast of Le Mans in the prettiest part of France. I have seen since first coming to this country.

I think we will be in the good old U. S. A. by April 25th and be home, discharged and out of army clothes by June 1. Believe me Dad, I mean it, it can't be any too soon for me. This much I ask, if you really hear the day I come to Mexico, for my sake, don't have a crowd around. I want to slip in and rest before seeing anyone and I want to get out of uniform as soon as possible.

I am putting in for a pass to Paris and if successful, will call my trip to France well done. The request has to go to division headquarters and I will be lucky to get it. I was in Paris for about 18 hours last month, but would like to go back as I could see very little.

Beginning tomorrow, I take charge of the battery for a week and will have my hands full. There is plenty of work for a first sergeant to do now that we are getting ready to go home. We understand we will leave France about April 15.

Saturday I received three issues of the Digest February 1, 8 and 15 and a copy of the Ledger of February 29. Today I received your letter of Feb. 21st.

What do the people back home think of the work of the 35th while over here? The Infantry lost so heavily they never went back into any stiff fighting, while the artillery was put into another division, the 81st and failed to get back into our own division until January 24. We left them in October. We fought for four months straight with five days rest and from August 22nd until November 11 was always under fire. Never again.

Yet get out the old wagon as I am going to let you make a gas house out of me when I get back. You know I can go a courting in it. "Compre"

Well Dad it is getting late so I must close.

As ever,  
ROY CREASEY.

Robbers Steal From Auto.  
Rube Markwell, the genial Alton Conductor reports that burglars took an inner tube, monkey wrench and other tools from his automobile Monday night. The automobile was in his garage at their home 710 West Low Street. Mr. Markwell discovered the loss the next morning.

The city officers did not receive any calls Tuesday night and so far as has been learned the robbers took a few hours rest.

Man Adjudged of Unsound Mind.  
Vaugh Thomas Penn was adjudged of unsound mind by Dr. R. T. Gibbs and Dr. P. E. Coit before the Audrain County Court Tuesday morning. Sheriff Ford took the young man to Fulton Tuesday afternoon, where he was placed in the State Hospital.

Penn is 21 years old and a son of Mrs. M. Matthews.

Your barbering will be done to your satisfaction at my shop on the South Side of the Square. Experienced barbers. I invite your patronage.  
JAMES MACKEY.

Lived 95 Years in Same House.  
LONDON, April 9.—Miss Ellen Sharrock, who died at Meller House, Blackburn, last week, age 95, was born and lived all her life in the same house.

W. J. East came over from Fulton Tuesday.

## M. M. A. TO GRADUATE 47 SENIORS IN MAY

Governor Frederick D. Gardner has been asked to deliver the commencement address for the Missouri Military Academy on Thursday, May 29 and has accepted the invitation provided something does not come up before that date to prevent him.

Forty-seven seniors will receive their diplomas from this institution at that time. Commencement week will be filled with many student activities such as ball games, field meet, class play and annual dance.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 28 there will be a conference basketball game between M. M. A. and Chillicothe Business College. A competitive drill will be held sometime during the morning. Wednesday evening the Seniors will give their annual outdoor play.

A new feature to the M. M. A. commencement this year will be a field meet among the school students. Captain Blaine McKusick, physical director, has instituted this new and interesting feature which will prove a great drawing card. The time for the meet has not been definitely set but probably will be Wednesday morning.

The graduating exercises will be held at one of the Mexico churches on Thursday morning. In the afternoon there will be battalion review and another base ball game with Chillicothe.

Thursday evening the annual senior dance will be pulled off at the Academy. This promises to be the big social event of the year at this school and elaborate preparations are already being made for the occasion.

The dance will be the final curtain to commencement week. M. M. A. has made an excellent record this season and will graduate one of the largest classes in the history of the school. The names of the graduating class follow:

Edward Banker, Chicago, Ill.; James Block, St. Louis, Mo.; Herman Brazeel, Okmulgee, Okla.; Vergil Busby, Sedan, Kansas; Owen Cooper, Arkansas City, Kansas; Frederick Christman, Joplin, Mo.; James Dowell, Benton City, Mo.; Robert Edwards, Chicago, Ill.; Donald Funk, Kansas City, Mo.; Dozier Gardner, Jefferson City, Mo.; Trimble Gentry, Springfield, Mo.; Max Heller, Galva, Ill.; Mark Henderson, Joplin, Mo.; Russell Holcomb, St. Louis, Mo.; Donald Hooton, Danville, Ill.; Donald Huston, Pawnee City, Neb.; Sam Kell, Davenport, Iowa; Claude Kelsey, Kansas City, Mo.; Allan Klove, Rock Island, Ill.; Chas. Krause, St. Louis, Mo.; Torris Lyche, Chicago, Ill.; Brown Manning, Keosauqua, Iowa; Maurice Marrs, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Joe McGowan, Webster Groves, Mo.; Clifford Merriman, Utica, Mo.; George Merriman, Utica, Mo.; Seth Pickering, Tulsa, Okla.; Ingram, Pickett, Shelbyville, Mo.; Julian Pinkston, Champagne, Ill.; Chas. Purdy, Portland, Oregon; Norris Read, Clarence, Iowa; Eugene Rogers, Wapella, Iowa; Sims Rixey, Mexico, Mo.; Herman Schaefer, Springfield, Ill.; Joe Small, Excelsior, Ill.; Darlie Shannon, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Bobol Torstenson, Milford, Iowa; George Vanosdell, Eldon, Mo.; George Warner, Mexico, Mo.; Harold Wall, Sedan, Kansas; Hal C. Wallerstedt, Bessie, Okla.; Franklin Walton, Medora, Ill.; Carroll Wax, Stronghurst, Ill.; Russell Weaver, Tulsa, Okla.; Morris Wheeler, Arkansas City, Kansas; Arthur Wiens, Bessie, Okla.; Wm. C. F. Zimmerman, Davenport, Iowa.

W. W. BOTTS ON THE JOB AND AWAKE  
JEFFERSON CITY, April 7.—Democrat in the house discovered Saturday they had helped the Republicans Friday saddle a salary increase of \$26,150 a year on the St. Louis license collector's office, when house bill 482, introduced and sponsored by Representative "Bully" McPherson of St. Louis, was sent to engrossment shortly before adjournment. The bill more than doubles the expense at a time when the work of the office is likely to be greatly decreased.

Discovery of the way McPherson had put the bill over was made by Representative Botts, former probate judge of Audrain County, a Democrat. Botts got a copy of the present law and started to figure up the increase, as he was not satisfied with McPherson's hazy explanation of what the bill would do. Before Botts had completed his figures the bill had been rushed through. The discovery of what it means is likely to lead to a fight when the measure comes up for final passage.

The bill provides for a license collector at \$4,000 a year, the present salary; a chief deputy at \$2,500 a year; an assistant deputy at \$2,000 a year, compared with the present \$1,800; a cashier at \$2,400 a year, an entirely new job; an assistant cashier at \$1,800; also a new job; a bookkeeper at \$2,100, a new job, an assistant bookkeeper at \$1,650, a new job; a stenographer at \$1,200, a new job; ten clerks at \$1,500 each, compared with six clerks at \$1,200 each under the present law; and fifteen inspectors at \$900 each as at present.

This is a total salary list of \$50,000 a year, compared with the present salary of \$24,500 a year, an increase of \$25,500 a year.

An Art Line of Easter Cards.  
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New Y. M. C. A. for Joplin.  
Contracts for a new Y. M. C. A. at Joplin to cost \$226,000 have been awarded and work on the new building will be started at once. Plans for this structure were accepted two years ago, but work is delayed on account of the war.

A Giant Oak.  
The Glasgow Missourian reports that Henry Brucks and Frank Meyer told a burr oak on a farm near Glasgow recently which produced a remarkable amount of marketable material. There was a sawlog twelve feet long and three feet in diameter, five cords of wood and 217 posts from five cuts of the body in the tree.

THE price of booze has advanced so much that the bootlegger no longer can afford to handle it. Fine business.

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Ain't It The Truth?  
He'd never owned a car before. But still he knew, did he, That the carburetor wasn't set The way it ought to be. And when the motor balked, He ripped and tore and cursed and swore, As he got out and walked.

O, Mr. Service Man, pray help me if you can, This certainly is a rotten car, it's On The old man found the engine poud, He'd blame the car again.

At length he planned to sell the car, Or else to trade it in, And to the man he'd bought it from, He vowed, "It is a sin For me to sell—she runs so well, A dandy car it's been. See that new horn? there's nothing worn, She's just well broken in."

O, Mr. Dealer Man, no better car ever ran, Than this old bus in front of us, I tell you, man to man, Except for gas and oil and tires, it's never cost a sou, So, if you offer what it's worth, I might talk trade with you.

Road Bonds Voted.  
The special road district at Malta Bend, Saline County, recently voted road bonds in the sum of \$18,000.

Restock English Rivers.  
LONDON, April 9.—A great national effort is to be made to increase the food production of English rivers by fish preservation. The Thames association has made a first distribution of 50,000 roach, dace and perch for restocking that river.

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